

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

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- Prologue ([1-2](#)) — two weeks ago
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- Elihu ([32-37](#))
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What we will learn?

- With increased intimacy comes greater power to give comfort or inflict pain. ([Job 16:2-3](#))
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Job: Wrong, and also, I'm not receiving comfort. ([Job 6-7](#))
Bildad: Job should repent. ([Job 8](#))
Job: Will plead with God. ([Job 9-10](#))
Zophar: Repent! ([Job 11](#))
Job: Defends himself and prays to God. ([Job 12-14](#))

Round 2:

Eliphaz: Accuses Job of folly. ([Job 15](#))
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Bildad: The wicked are punished. ([Job 18](#))
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Zophar: Discourse on the fate of the wicked. ([Job 20](#))
Job: The wicked go unpunished. ([Job 21](#))

Round 3:

Eliphaz: This is why you suffer. ([Job 22](#))
Job: Not guilty and frustrated with God's apathy. ([Job 23-24](#))
Bildad: How can we be righteous? ([Job 25](#))
Job: Summary and review. ([Job 26-27](#))

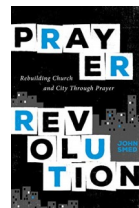
Satan's weapon's vs. Job

- Poverty
- Tragic loss
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Additional Notes:

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